

Welcome back!

It was lovely to see all the children back in school this week. A big welcome to everyone, whether you are returning, or starting newly with us. The children have been amazing, and impressed everyone with how well they have settled in and followed all the infection control measures we have had to put in place. Thank you to all our parents and carers who have done so much to help their children get ready to come to school.

Staggered Starts and Finishes

Please do your very best not to be early or late for your staggered start and finish times. The pavements at Carterknowle especially, get very busy otherwise. Once you have dropped off or picked up your child please leave straight away so that there is room for others. We will be monitoring this carefully over the next few days and will make adjustments, but really want to avoid having to have more drawn out start and finishes to the school day if we can.

Parking

Parents and carers are reminded **not** to park on the pavements or close to the school gates and entrances. It is both dangerous and inconsiderate to do this.



Snack

The free fruit scheme is starting again at Holt House from next week. Children at Carterknowle may like to bring fruit from home to have at morning break. Children in Y2, Y5 and Y6 may bring a more substantial snack to keep them going until lunchtime, as they have the late lunch sittings (no chocolate, sweets or nuts).

PE Kits

As many PE lessons as possible will be held outside, as that reduces the risk of infection. Please make sure that your child has a pair of trainers so they can take part in the lesson safely. They will also need something warm to wear as part of their PE kit, like a fleece and jogging bottoms.

Online Safety

Whether it's for entertainment or for learning,



children and young people can access vast quantities of online video content at the click of a button. This can mean that they may see something that is intended for adults, which might confuse or upset them. Think U Know has released home activity packs which you can do with your family to support their online safety. You can find them here: [thinkuknow](http://thinkuknow.co.uk).

Trips, Visits and Events

The arrangements for these are being finalised half a term at a time, so that changes in infection control guidance can be taken into account. All visits will be within walking distance for the time being. There will be visitors to school for curriculum events and they will follow our risk control measures. At the moment, the DfE is advising against residential visits, however we do have bookings for Y4, 5 and 6 pencilled in with our providers in case this changes. Plans are being made for our Christmas concerts and nativities and, while these will not be the same as in previous years, we will do something!

Dates

October: Black History Month
Friday 16 October: Wear Red Day
w/b 19 Oct: Enrichment Week and Harvest
Half Term: 26 - 30 Oct

